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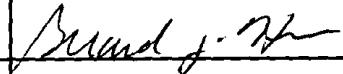
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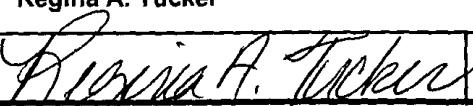
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) prior to the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits.

Form PTO-1449 is attached to this paper listing documents submitted in the above-referenced case. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of each form to the attorney of record.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a), exists.

A copy of each document is enclosed. Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

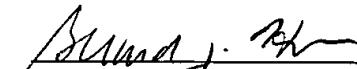
We believe that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for any reason

the Examiner finds that the disclosure or documents do not comply with these sections, notification is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters or issues outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner of the existence of applicants' copending U.S. patent applications, having Serial Nos. 09/652,954 and 09/652,950, which involve technologies similar to this application.

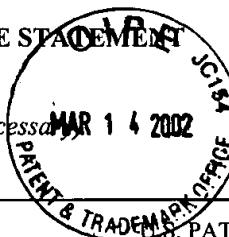
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